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Title	SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR BLOCKING MICROWAVE PROPAGATION IN PARALLEL PLATE STRUCTURES UTILIZING CLUSTER VIAS
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 - Brief Summary of the Invention
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 - Claim(s)
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 - i. ☐
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UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(B)

TITLE: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR BLOCKING MICROWAVE
PROPAGATION IN PARALLEL PLATE STRUCTURES UTILIZING
CLUSTER VIAS

APPLICANT(S): William E. McKinzie, III

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Utility Application Transmittal Sheet (1 pg.); Specification, Claims,
and Abstract (31 pgs.); Drawings (16 Sheets); Nonpublication
Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (1 pg.), and Return Postcard.

PRIORITY DATA: The present application claims priority as a continuation-in-part under
35 U.S.C. §120 to U.S. Patent Application 10/796,398, entitled
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PROPAGATION IN PARALLEL PLATE STRUCTURES," filed
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